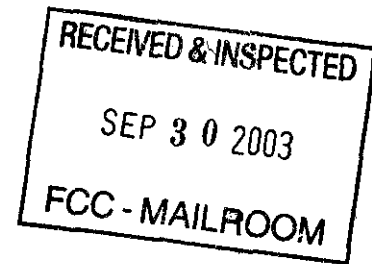


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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation North Carolina 230497

Sincerely,

PIEDMONT TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elbert R. Perrell".

Elbert R. Perrell
General Manager

Date: 09252003

A circular stamp with the word "RECEIVED" at the bottom. Above the word is a handwritten signature that appears to be "J. L. ...".